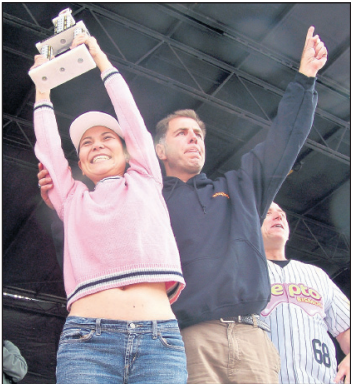


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Coney Island: Ladies added to 4'th of July venue

VERENA DOBNIK,
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — This year's Fourth of July race to stuff your face with hot dogs has a new women-only pigout. "Serena Williams didn't have to beat Roger Federer to win the Wimbledon title, and we



In this photo provided by National Buffalo Wing Festival, Sonya Thomas is proclaimed the winner at the Wing Fest in Buffalo, N.Y. Thomas and nine other women will compete Monday, July 4, 2011 in the hot-dog-eating contest on Coney Island just before the men's competition.

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don't think Sonya Thomas should have to beat Joey Chestnut," said master of ceremonies George Shea. Thomas, known as The Black Widow of competitive eating, set a women's world record on July 4, 2009, by stuffing 41 hot dogs into her 105-pound (48-kilogram) frame in 10 minutes. Thomas and eight other women will compete today on Coney Island just before the men's stomach-churning hot dog feast at Nathan's Famous fast-food restaurant, which this year again features world champion Chestnut, nicknamed "Jaws." □

Tears for Fears



Casey Anthony reacts with tears as the state presents its closing arguments in her murder trial in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, July 3, 2011. Anthony has plead not guilty to first-degree murder in the death of her daughter, Caylee, and could face the death penalty if convicted that charge.

(AP Photo/Red Huber, Pool)

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Thais back ousted Prime Minister's party in landslide

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BANGKOK—The party of the fugitive former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra won an overwhelming victory in a parliamentary election on Sunday that could turn Thai politics on its head and roll back the results of a coup that ousted Thaksin five years ago.

In a contest that was seen as a referendum on Thailand's recent turmoil, the Pheu Thai party, headed by Thaksin's youngest sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, 44, appeared headed for an absolute majority of the 500-seat Parliament. With 98 percent of the votes counted late Sunday night, her party won a projected 264 seats.

The governing Democrat party won just 160 seats, and Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva conceded defeat. Yingluck, a businesswoman with no political experience, was selected to head the party by her



Yingluck Shinawatra, leader of the Pheu Thai party, waits to give a press conference in Bangkok, July 3, 2011. The party of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, led by his younger sister, Yingluck, won an overwhelming victory in the parliamentary election on Sunday.

(Agnes Dherbeys/The New York Times)

brother, who called her his "clone." She proved to be a brilliant campaigner.

The vote is a vindication for Thaksin, a populist champion of Thailand's long marginalized rural poor who

was elected prime minister twice, in 2001 and 2005, and removed in a coup in September 2006.

"I believe all sides have to respect the decision of the people," he said

Sunday, speaking to a Thai television station from Dubai, where he lives evading a conviction for abuse of power. "If any country doesn't respect the decisions of its people, there's no way it is going to find peace."

The vote had broader resonance as well, part of a rebalancing of Thailand's hierarchical society that so far has played out in the streets, challenging the elite establishment and giving more voice to the poor.

"This is a slap in the face to the establishment for what they've done since the military coup in 2006," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, director of the Institute of Security and International Studies at Chulalongkorn University. "This is a new Thailand that they must learn to live with."

He added: "This whole election is all about the awakened voices. These people discovered that they can actually have

access and be connected to the system."

The Pheu Thai party is supported by many of the "red shirt" protesters, representing the rural and urban poor, who are committed to Thaksin and staged a two-month rally that paralyzed parts of Bangkok a year ago.

The Democrat party, led by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, is the party of the establishment, including royalists, old-money elite and high-ranking members of the military, and is at the top of a traditional hierarchical social and political system in Thailand. A military assault crushed the red-shirt protests in confrontations that killed about 90 people in April and May of last year.

A major challenge for Pheu Thai is to reach an accommodation with the politically powerful military, which ousted Thaksin, supported the Democrats and battled with the red shirts. □



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Casey Anthony weeps during closing statements of her trial

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KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) —

Casey Anthony briefly wept as prosecutors told jurors during closing arguments that she murdered her 2-year-old daughter Caylee to reclaim the carefree life she had before the girl was born.

The closing arguments came Sunday in a case that has played out on national TV since Caylee's disappearance in the summer of 2008 and continued through her mother's trial, with spectators traveling from all over the U.S. to jockey for coveted seats in the courtroom gallery.

Casey Anthony, 25, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

She could face a possible death sentence or life in prison if convicted of that charge.

Anthony also is charged with aggravated child abuse, aggravated manslaughter of a child and four counts of providing false information to law enforcement. The child abuse and manslaughter charges each carry a 30-year prison term if convicted.

Anthony, a single mother, was 22 when her daughter died. No one has come forward as the father of Cay-

sacrificed, that something was either the life she wanted or the life thrust upon her. She chose to sacri-

ing, no-good slut" and that their forensic evidence was based on a "fantasy." He said Caylee's death was

igators and her parents. Defense attorneys countered that the toddler accidentally drowned in the family swimming pool, and that her mother in fact was hiding emotional distress caused by alleged sexual abuse from her father. Her father has denied that claim.

Judge Belvin Perry ruled Sunday morning that there was no evidence of such abuse and that the defense could not allude to it in closing arguments. Jury deliberations are now expected to begin Monday after the prosecution gives its rebuttal arguments.

Baez began his closing argument by telling jurors they have more questions than answers, including the biggest: How did Caylee die?

Neither prosecutors nor the defense have offered firm proof of how Caylee died. "It can never be proven," he said.

He spent most of his four-hour argument attacking the prosecution's forensic evidence. He said the prosecution's air analysis of the trunk of Anthony's car, which allegedly showed air molecules consistent with decomposition, could not be duplicated. □



Assistant state attorney Jeff Ashton shows bedding that match a blanket found with the remains of Caylee Anthony, during closing arguments in the Casey Anthony murder trial in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, July 3, 2011. Casey Anthony has plead not guilty to first-degree murder in the death of her daughter, Caylee, and could face the death penalty if convicted of that charge.

(AP Photo/Red Huber, Pool)

lee.

Prosecutors portrayed Anthony as a young mother who killed her daughter because she got in the way of her love life.

"Something needed to be

fice her child," prosecutor Jeff Ashton said during his 90-minute argument.

Defense attorney Jose Baez said the prosecutors' case was so weak that they tried to portray Anthony as "a ly-

"an accident that snowballed out of control."

Prosecutors contend Caylee was suffocated with duct tape by a mother who then crafted elaborate lies to mislead inves-

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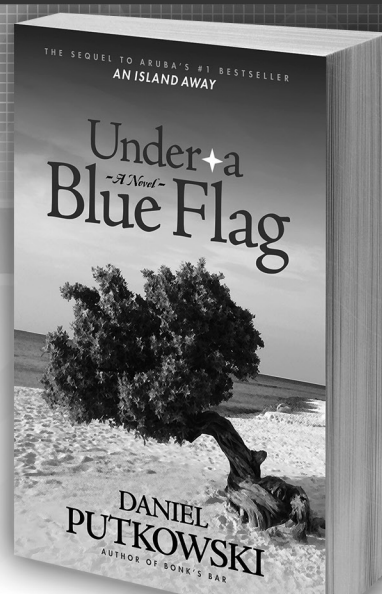


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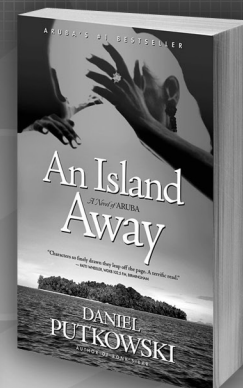
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A school's failing grade, but successes for some

MICHAEL WINERIP

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NEW YORK — Everyone knows Jamaica High is a bad school. The past two years, it has received D's on its report card from the city and been labeled persistently dangerous by the state. In February, the Bloomberg administration placed Jamaica on a list of 22 failing schools it planned to close.

The mayor and his schools chancellors have sent letters encouraging students to enroll elsewhere, and the shrinking of the student body has led to a decline in financing, squeezing the juice out of Jamaica High. There was no money for lab lessons in advanced biology, which upset Doreen Mohammed and Tonmoy



Afsan Quayyum, valedictorian, gives his speech at graduation from Jamaica High School in New York, June 28, 2011. Jamaica High School has received D's on its report card from the city for the past two years, but it has not failed some of its recent graduates. (Librado Romero/The New York Times).

Kabiraj, who hope to be doctors. Courtney Perkins' advanced math class did not have graphing calculators until eight months into the school year.

The last music teacher was sent to another school, which really frustrated Mills Duodu, who plays violin, trumpet, drums and piano.

City officials have vigorously fought a lawsuit brought by the teachers' union seeking to save the 22 schools, 15 of them high schools.

In May, the schools chancellor, Dennis M. Walcott, called the union's position "unacceptable," and vowed to "defend the honor of our students." This surprised Afsan Quayyum and Doreen, who graduated from Jamaica High,

In Queens, last week. They did not realize their honor needed defending.

Afsan, the valedictorian, plans to start an engineering program this fall that will give him a bachelor's degree from Queens College in three years, and another from Columbia University after two more.

Doreen, the salutatorian, has a full scholarship to Columbia.

Their classmate Gerard Henry is struck by all the people he meets who have never stepped inside Jamaica High yet are sure it is a living hell.

"If I say, 'My name is Gerard Henry and I just graduated Jamaica High School,' they say, 'Oh my God, you're one of them?'" If I say, 'My name is Gerard Henry and I'm going to Columbia next fall,' they say, 'Oh my God, you're one of them?'" It is puzzling how a school can

be labeled failing and yet produce Afsan, Doreen and Gerard, not to mention Mills (who is heading to Denison University in Ohio), Kevin Gonzalez (Stony Brook University), Courtney (Howard University), Nujhat Choudhury (University of Alberta) and two top math students who are best friends: Muhammad Ahmad (Clarkson University) and Mohammad Khan (City University's Grove School of Engineering), known throughout the school as "the Mohamads squared."

"Of course, it is possible that such seniors are the exceptions. As James S. Liebman, the Columbia law professor who developed the city report card, wrote in an email: "Good high schools aren't satisfied when just a few kids get into strong colleges."

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Gauging consequences for Republicans who backed gay marriage

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A day and a half after he voted to legalize same-sex marriage, New York state Sen. Mark J. Grisanti went to church. There, across the pews at St. Rose of Lima in north Buffalo, sat 81-year-old Ann Deckop, and she felt betrayed, since Grisanti had vowed in 2008 that he was "inalterably" opposed to same-sex marriage.

"I voted for him and I'm writing a letter indicating that I will not be voting for him in the next election," Deckop said. But there was also Greg Fox, a 52-year-old technology industry salesman, who called Grisanti "a gentleman." "It's important that we uphold Catholic values," Fox said, before adding, "This is also 2011, so things change." And at the front of the church was the priest, who, Grisanti recalled, "put a hand over his heart and kind of pounded his chest, and pointed to me and smiled." Grisanti said that he was unsure what that meant. Now, Grisanti and the three other Senate Republicans who provided votes necessary to legalize same-sex marriage in New York are confronting another uncertainty: how voters back in their districts will react. Voter response will influence the balance of power in the New York Sen-

ate, where there are just two more Republicans than Democrats. And the events in New York also have national repercussions: Because several Democrat-

would spend \$2 million in an effort to defeat the legislators, and key elements of the senators' traditional political base have vowed to withdraw support.



New York State Sen. James Alesi, left, the first Republican senator to say he would support same-sex marriage this year, with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg at Gracie Mansion in New York. Alesi and three other Senate Republicans who provided votes necessary to legalize same-sex marriage in New York are confronting the uncertainty of how voters back in their districts will react.

(Librado Romero/The New York Times)

dominated states have already legalized same-sex marriages, gay rights advocates increasingly need Republican support if they are to change local laws elsewhere in the country. Some Republican donors, as well as Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and leaders of the gay rights movement, have promised to support the re-election campaigns of the four New York lawmakers. But the National Organization for Marriage, a national group opposed to gay marriage, said it

"One thing I know for sure, these four people will not have the Conservative Party endorsement," said Michael R. Long, chairman of the state Conservative Party. "That is certain." The political price for supporting same sex marriage can be hard to predict. Four years ago, Assemblywoman Teresa R. Sayward, a Republican and a Catholic from a conservative district in the Adirondacks, voted in favor of same-sex marriage after making an impassioned speech about

her son's struggle with his gay identity. "The night I took the vote the first time, I was told by my Republican colleagues that I would never get elected again," she said. Since then, Sayward has been re-elected twice. James S. Alesi was the first Republican senator to say he would support same-sex marriage this year, and, if nothing

else, the issue gave his constituents something new to say about him. In January, Alesi shocked his supporters by suing a couple in his district. He claimed they had maintained an unsafe workplace in a house under construction where he had broken his leg trying to climb a ladder, even though he had entered without permission. □



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Homework help site has a social networking twist

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When Pooja Nath was an undergraduate at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, an elite engineering school in India, she felt isolated. She was one of the few women on campus. While her male classmates collaborated on problem sets, Nath toiled in the computer lab alone.

"Back then, no one owned a laptop, there was no Internet in the dorm rooms. So everyone in my class would be working in the computer lab together," she said. "But all the guys would be communicating with each other, getting help so fast, and I would be on the sidelines just watching." The experience as a young woman in that culture formed the foundation of her startup in Silicon Valley, Piazza. Nath, who was the first woman from her hometown to attend the prestigious engineering school and later escaped an arranged marriage to

become an entrepreneur, conceived of the site for homework help in 2009 during her first year at Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Students post questions to their course page, which peers and educators can then respond to. Instructors moderate the discussion, endorse the best responses and track the popularity of

questions in real time. Responses are also color-coded, so students can easily identify the instructor's comments.

Although there are rival services, like Blackboard, an education software company, Piazza's platform is specifically designed to speed response times. The site is supported by a system of notification alerts,

and the average question on Piazza will receive an answer in 14 minutes.

"The whole idea of Piazza stems from the dynamics that I observed at IIT. From the sidelines I saw how effective it was to get immediate help, from peers in the same room," Nath, 30, said.

Piazza, the Italian term for a public square, is part of a growing group of technology startups hoping to disrupt the education market. Its peers include Kno and Inkling, two platforms for interactive, digital textbooks. The trend has also given birth to its own Silicon Valley-based incubator, Imagine K12, which announced its first batch of investments earlier this month.

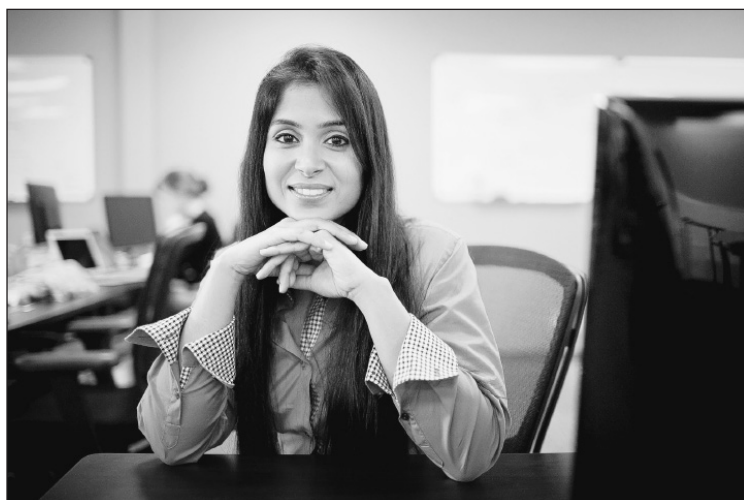
"Education is a big focus area for us. You're going to see big fundamental shifts in the way education is performed," said Aydin Senkut, an investor in Piazza who made his fortune as an early Google employee. "With Piazza, it's about turning data into actionable intelligence. We want to empower people to ask and answer questions and we're going to measure every aspect of it."

Piazza's own metrics are promising. The average user, according to the company's data, spends two to three hours a day on the site. The reason for

the intensity is very similar to the reason for Facebook's growth, which is what excites investors. The company has just raised \$1.5 million in funding from several prominent Silicon Valley backers, including Sequoia Capital, Ron Conway and Senkut, the founder of Felicis Ventures.

Relying heavily on word-of-mouth, Piazza has expanded from roughly three schools to more than 330 in the last year. At Stanford University, the first school to start using the service, more than half of the undergraduates are registered users. As in the case of Facebook, the wildly popular social network that sprang from a Harvard dorm room, the close-knit nature of college campuses has helped accelerate the adoption of Piazza.

Jennifer Rexford, a computer science professor at Princeton University, started using Piazza for her programming systems class last semester. The platform, which replaced the traditional classroom email list, helped her reduce her office hours and respond to student questions faster. It also turned into an unexpected resource for grading; at the end of the semester she used Piazza's statistics on participation to reward the most "helpful" students. □



Pooja Nath, founder of Piazza, a homework help site, at her office in Palo Alto, Calif., June 28, 2011. Isolation as an female engineering student in India drove Nath to create Piazza, a website that builds on classroom community.

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Tahrir Square in pure chaos

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CAIRO – Chaos erupted in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Sunday night, as a dispute between protesters and tea vendors set off clashes among groups of young men armed with rocks, clubs and knives, and a tent city occupied by protesters was burned to the ground.

The clashes appeared to pit civilian against civilian, a departure from violence that flared in the square last Tuesday between protesters and the police, and pointed to lingering tensions in Egypt as the country negotiates a political transition under a provisional military government that has come under increasing criticism from the protesters.

Tahrir Square was the focal point of the 18-day uprising that toppled President Hosni Mubarak in February. Since then, protesters have reoccupied the square every few weeks to press the military council to follow through on revolutionary demands. Each reoccupation of Tahrir has ended in clashes – between protesters and security forces, or protesters and other civilians. As was the case Sunday night, it is not always clear which is which.

The clashes began around sunset and continued as darkness settled on downtown Cairo. Some of the protesters said the trouble began when they tried to move their tent city away from the tea vendors, whom they accused of being "thugs." □

Rebels told Gadhafi he could quit and stay in Libya



A day after of intense shelling from forces loyal to Col. Moammar Gadhafi, opposition fighters advance to the front line in the abandoned town of Kiklah, Libya, July 1, 2011. The leader of Libya's opposition movement said Sunday, July 3, that rebel leaders had offered Moammar Gadhafi the option to leave power and remain in his country, but he said that the offer, which seemed to represent a considerable softening of the rebel position, had not elicited a reply.

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AL RUJBAN, Libya – The leader of Libya's opposition movement said Sunday that rebel leaders had offered Moammar Gadhafi the option to leave power and remain in his country, but he said that the offer, which seemed to represent a considerable softening of the rebel position, had not elicited a reply.

The opposition leader, Mustapha Abdul-Jalil, the chairman of the rebel Transitional National Council, said in an interview with Reuters in the rebel stronghold of Benghazi that "we offered that he can re-

sign and order his soldiers to withdraw their barracks and positions, and then he can decide either to stay in Libya or abroad."

The offer, which Abdul-Jalil said was made about a month ago, appeared to be a tacit recognition – despite bluster on both sides – that neither Gadhafi nor his opponents seem likely to prevail militarily. The proposal highlighted the risks to the self-appointed opposition leaders, as some of their constituents reacted with outrage.

"Either he leaves the country, or he goes to prison," said Salah Ibrahim Eissa, speaking from one of the towns in the Nafusah Moun-

tains region that has been attacked by Gadhafi's forces in recent months. Another rebel leader, in Benghazi, Abdul Hafidh Ghoga, reacted quickly to the discontent by contradicting Abdul-Jalil, saying the proposal was "not part of any discussions on our part in negotiations," according to The Associated Press. News of the proposal coincided with a visit to Benghazi by the Turkish foreign minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, who recognized the rebel council as the legitimate representative of the Libyan people and promised the rebels \$200 million in aid, the AP reported. France, Italy, Qa-

tar and a handful of other countries have recognized the rebel leadership. Last week, France said that it had provided arms to rebels fighting in the Nafusah Mountains region.

Despite a growing list of foreign allies, the rebels have made little progress in recent months toward their goal of driving Gadhafi from power. The two sides have been deadlocked for weeks on battlefields near the eastern oil city of Brega, and in the west, outside Misrata.

The rebels have managed to drive Gadhafi's forces back from a number of cities in the Nafusah Mountains, and on Sunday, rebel commanders, citing intercepted radio communications, said they had killed a senior general outside the city of Kiklah.

In the town of Al Rujban, Radi Ramadan, 34, said that Abdul-Jalil's proposal "was the perfect move to save Libyan blood." But for many other people in the mountain cities, the offer was a painful reminder of the siege by Gadhafi's forces. Outside a small, white house in Al Rujban, a group of refugees from some of those cities, including several neighbors from one street in the town of Gila'a, to the east of Al Rujban, said that to allow Gadhafi to stay would be to forgive his crimes: the destruction of their homes and the killing of friends and relatives.

"For months, we've been out of Gila'a," said Salah Mohamed Suleiman, who sat with a cane. "He cannot stay." □

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EU will give North Korea aid to ease food crisis

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BRUSSELS – Responding to the growing threat of a humanitarian crisis in North Korea, the European Union will announce on Monday the release of about \$14.5 million in emergency aid to feed as many as 650,000 North Koreans.

The bloc's executive body, the European Commission, said that after its experts witnessed evidence of a developing crisis last month during a mission to North Korea, it negotiated an agreement with the North Koreans about how to monitor the delivery of assistance. "Increasingly desperate and extreme measures are being taken by the hard-hit North Koreans,

including the widespread consumption of grass," the European Commission said in a statement.

The severity of the situation prompted a switch of tactics by the commission. In 2008, it stopped sending humanitarian aid to North Korea in favor of offering financing for longer-term development projects.

"The purpose of this aid package is to save the lives of at least 650,000 people who could otherwise die from lack of food," Kristalina Georgieva, a European commissioner, said in the statement. "Our experts saw severely malnourished children in hospitals and nurseries where no treatment was available.

"North Korea's chronic nu-



Protesters shout slogans next to a poster depicting a firing target on the face of North Korea's leader Kim Jong Il during an anti-North Korea rally marking the ninth anniversary of a sea skirmish with North Korea, in Seoul, South Korea. The Korean text reads "Kim Jong Il, Out." Responding to the growing threat of a humanitarian crisis in North Korea, the European Union will announce on today, Monday, July 4th, the release of about \$14.5 million in emergency aid to feed as many as 650,000 North Koreans.

(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

trition problem is turning into an acute crisis in some parts of the country."

The threat of famine in North Korea has generated global concern. This year, two former presidents-Jimmy Carter and Martti Ahtisaari, of Finland-have traveled there. The U.S. also sent a team of experts to evaluate the conditions.

The European aid will be distributed through the World Food Program, and Georgieva said it would be strictly monitored, from the point of delivery at ports to when it reached recipients.

"If at any stage we discover that the aid is being diverted from its intended

recipients, then the commission will not hesitate to end its humanitarian intervention," she said.

According to the commission, its experts found that in North Korea the state-distributed food rations had been more than halved in recent months. Two-thirds of the population depends on the rations, it said.

The food shortages have been caused by years of economic mismanagement and underinvestment, and have been made worse by poor weather and a reduction of food imports from China and South Korea. The next main grain harvest is in October. □

Belarus:

Tear gas used at leader's speech

ELLEN BARRY

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MOSCOW – The police in Belarus used tear gas to disperse protesters on Sunday after President Aleksandr G. Lukashenko, presiding over a ceremony to commemorate Belarus' Independence Day, said in a speech that shadowy forces based in "the capitals of other countries" were plotting to bring down his government.

"We must strongly and consistently oppose the unconscionable scenario of the 'colored revolutions,' which are written as a blueprint in the capitals of other countries," said Lukashenko, alluding to the uprisings that led to pro-Western governments in Ukraine and Georgia in the mid-2000s.

The goal, he said at the open-air ceremony in Minsk, the Belarus capital, is to force nations into a "new world order" which would strip them of their assets and self-determination.

"We understand that the goal of these attacks is to impose uncertainty and anxiety and to destroy public harmony," said Lukashenko, according to an official transcript. In the end, he said, the aim was "to put us on our knees and to bring all the achievements of our independence down to zero. This is not going to happen!" Lukashenko, who took power in 1994, has come under unprecedented pressure recently, as Belarus has struggled to cope with runaway inflation. The government has tried to blunt the impact of a 36-percent devaluation of the currency, placing price controls on food and other basic goods. The authorities are engaged in the harshest crackdown of Lukashenko's 17 years in power. □

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While taking lead, Iraqis hope U.S. commandos stay

TIM ARANGO

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BAGHDAD — In darkness and dressed in black, the U.S. and Iraqi Special Operations commandos navigated the dense urban neighborhood here in the capital and approached a house they believed to be a hide-out for two brothers suspected of carrying out assassinations and car-bomb attacks. As the Iraqis bashed in the door, the sound of glass shattering and screams pierced the nighttime stillness.

The Americans, having spent years taking the lead on such missions, waited outside until the house was secure. The important thing, a U.S. sergeant said after the raid was completed, is that the Iraqis took the lead on this mission. He spoke on the condition that he be identified only by rank to comply with the ground rules allowing a reporter access to a U.S. Army Special Forces unit. "They are the ones doing the dirty work," he said.

But Iraqi and U.S. commanders worry that this crucial military legacy of the war may be at risk now that U.S. forces are withdrawing this year under an agreement between the countries. Americans say the Iraqi special operations force, which was deliberately balanced with the country's main sects and ethnicities, is more capable than the Iraqi army and may be criti-

cal in preventing a resilient insurgency from exploding into a sectarian civil war. Even as few Iraqi politicians are willing to admit publicly that they need U.S. help,

relationships between Iraqis and Americans are especially strong, having been nurtured over multiple deployments. In some cases the Americans here are on

a base north of Baghdad. "Of course we would." The senior Iraqi military leaders have advised Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that some troops should stay.

such work have diminished greatly. "It's been awhile since we've gotten in a good firefight," he said.

As the major spoke at a picnic table in Victory Base Complex, the vast U.S. complex near the Baghdad airport, several U.S. helicopters took off nearby, ferrying a team of Iraqi and U.S. Army Special Forces troops on their way to capture a Shiite militiaman suspected of firing rockets at a U.S. base.

On the recent nighttime raid organized to seize the two brothers, the commandos did not get their men, but they said that a vast majority of their raids ended with the capture of suspects. Shots are rarely fired. There were about six Iraqis on the mission for each American, who were dressed in the same black fatigues the Iraqis wore. After the house was secured, several team members went to the roof, where an Iraqi commando rooted through a storage bin looking for explosives, repeatedly kicking a plastic cassette player that turned out not to be an improvised explosive device. Others monitored rooftops next door for threats. Eleven family members were in the house, but not the suspects. As the relatives were questioned, several versions of the brothers' whereabouts emerged. According to one version, they had left that afternoon. □



Maj. Gen. Fadhel al-Barwari, Iraq's top commando who said he wanted his American advisers to stay, at the Victory Base Complex in Baghdad, June 23, 2011. Members of Iraq's well-trained special operations force say that American troops must stay longer to continue training and advising.

(Joseph Sywenkyj/The New York Times)

Iraqi soldiers say that U.S. troops must stay longer to continue training and advising.

"The Americans need to stay because we don't have control over our borders," said Maj. Gen. Fadhel al-Barwari, commander of the Iraq Special Operations Force.

The commandos make up a tight-knit community where

their eighth or ninth rotation. "Would we hope after spending eight years in this country, sharing blood, sweat and tears, dying side by side, working with each other, that we would maintain a relationship?" Col. Scott E. Brower, commander of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, said in an interview at

Even though combat has officially been declared over, Iraq still looks like a war to the Special Operations units scattered around the country.

"Yeah, anytime a guy's got a loaded gun and he's going out at midnight in a helicopter, you've got to treat it that way," said a U.S. Army Special Forces major. Even so, he said, the risks of

Sudanese struggle to survive endless bombings

JEFFREY GETTLEMAN
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LEWERE, Sudan – Fatima Ramadan, mother of six, froze, her eyes shooting up to the sky.

"Antonov!" she yelled. Little girls threw down the pebbles they were playing with. Toddlers, sensing danger, started to wail. About two dozen people grabbed the young and dashed up the mountainside into a cave. It was hot and dark inside, and the children's eyes were wide with fear.

"I don't like this place," said Kaka, a 10-year-old girl. Nobody does. And yet thousands of people live like this.

As the July 9 division of Sudan nears, the government in Khartoum is scrambling to crush any rebellious chunks of the territory that will remain its own. Its forces have been relentlessly pounding the Nuba Mountains from Russian-made Antonov bombers for weeks, demanding that tens of thousands of rebel fighters dug in here disarm

becoming fully engulfed in war, the Nuba caves offer a crucial refuge.

Every morning at sunup, Ramadan trudges up a hillside, about 1,000 feet high, lugging pots, water jugs, mats and blankets, the children huffing behind.

She nestles her cooking fire in a crack in the mountain wall, to conceal the smoke. The young mothers around her dangle their legs over ledges as they nurse. Older children play a game similar to jacks, using pebbles on the precarious heights. Old men just sit and stare. At dusk, which usually signals the end of the sorties, most descend. Very few young men are with them.

"These caves have saved my children's life," Ramadan said. A couple of hundreds yards below her is the evidence: jagged chunks of shrapnel, gaping bomb craters and a tree trunk with a huge hole blown straight through it. The bombings have shifted west in recent days, away from the Lewere Valley toward what is

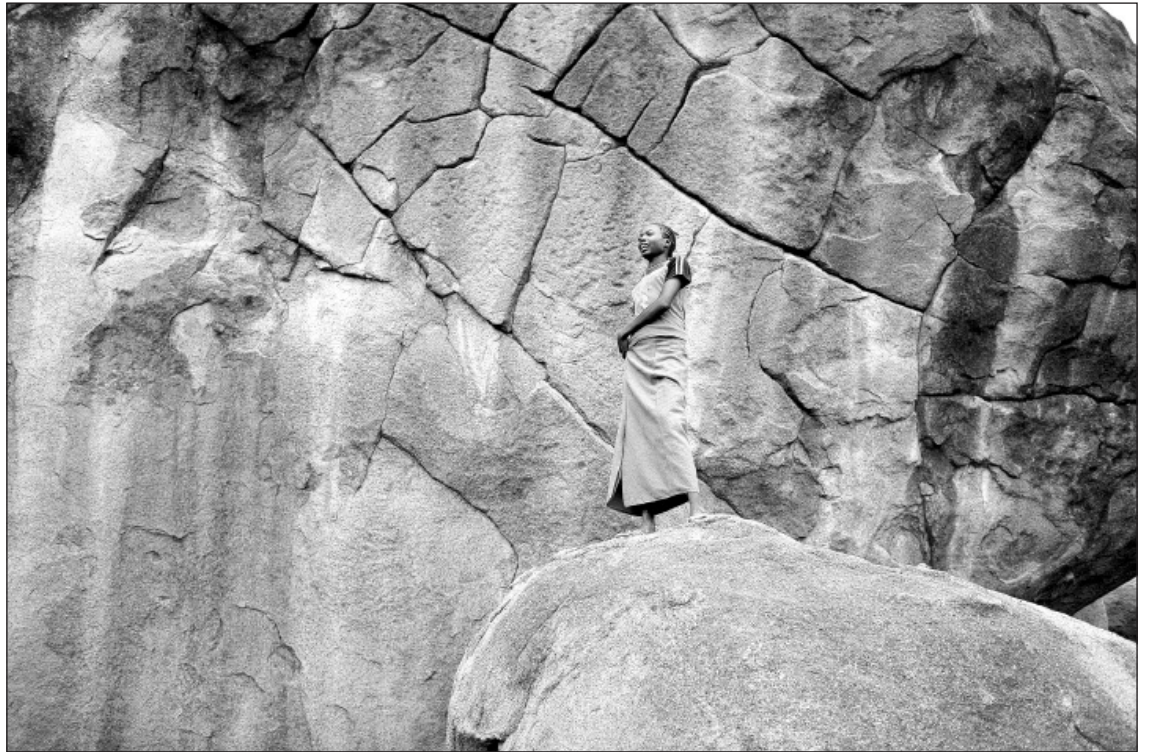
hazy distance, the tawny hilltops clear save for some scratchy green brush and a few trees stubbornly clinging to the rocks. Down below, thatched-roof huts

Hassan al-Bashir, "needs our land and he wants to finish us off."

But if war comes, it will not be an easy fight.

"Be tough! Be strong! Pro-

half of Sudan's north-south civil war, in the 1980s and '90s. The government responded by bombing the hillsides, wiping out villages and incarcerating hun-



A girl stands on a ledge in the Nuba Mountains in Kurchi, Sudan, July 3, 2011. Government forces have been pounding the Nuba Mountains from Russian-made Antonov bombers for weeks, demanding that tens of thousands of rebel fighters dug in there disarm and drop their insistence on more autonomy for the distinctive Nuba people.

(Tyler Hicks/The New York Times).



Mothers and children rest in the Nuba Mountains in Kurchi, Sudan, July 3, 2011.

(Tyler Hicks/The New York Times).

and drop their insistence on more autonomy for the distinctive Nuba people. Hundreds of civilians have been killed, including many children. Bombs have been dropped on huts, on farmers in the field, on girls fetching water together, slicing them in half with buckets in their hands.

As the area inches toward

emerging as the front line in an area called Korch. But the fear endures like a scar. "Even the sound of a car sends us running," Ramadan said.

In another time, perhaps, a hike up this mountain would be a treat. The views from the top are amazing. The undulating Nuba heartland stretches for miles into the

squat together. A few people swing hoes. A few women plant on their knees, as if they are praying. A tan stripe – the only road – slices across the valley floor.

"This is all about land," said Saida Bakhait, who is also hiding in a cave with her children.

"Bashir," she says, referring to Sudan's president, Omar

tect our land!" shout legions of young men – "freedom fighters" they call themselves – as they march through the mist-shrouded valleys at dawn to add to the rebels' numbers. They do not have guns, so they train with sticks. Many are freshly carved, the wood still white.

Land is often code for identity and the Nuba see this as a fight for their cultural survival. These mountains are an outpost of traditional beliefs and Christianity (though there are Muslim Nuba, too) in northern Sudan. Many people here did not wear clothes until the 1970s, when the government passed laws forbidding nudity. Anthropologists have celebrated the Nuba for their singing, dancing, ferocious wrestling tournaments and dizzying number of languages, with nearly every major set of hills having its own tongue. Their land is among the most fertile in all of Sudan.

Because they had been subjugated by Sudan's Arab rulers for generations, the Nuba sided with southern rebels during the latter

dreds of thousands of Nuba in so-called peace camps where many were forced to convert to Islam at gunpoint. People fled to caves then, too.

A peace treaty signed in 2004 called for Nuba to have a say in determining how much autonomy they would get – again, protecting their unique culture was a priority – but autonomy never came. Now, it seems, the government's sudden interest in Nuba is timed to the south's independence on Saturday. Khartoum may feel it has to send a signal that even after the south breaks off, the result of decades of struggle for liberation, it will not tolerate other secession movements.

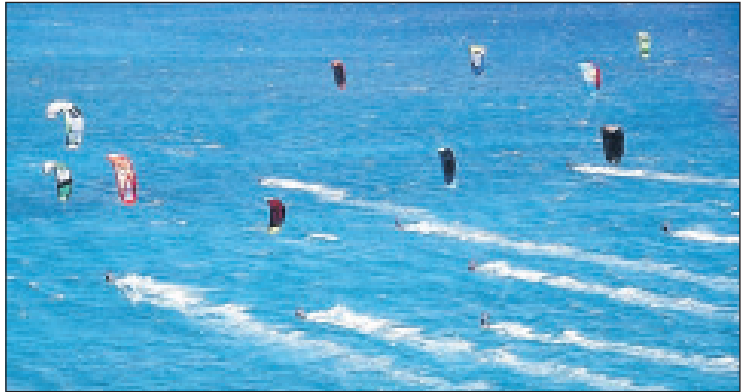
"They lost southern Sudan with bitterness, and now they are projecting that bitterness on us," said a Nuba man named Kuku.

In one place near Lewere, hundreds, perhaps thousands, are camped in caves. At least that is what some soldiers were saying. According to them, an entire village has uprooted itself to a mountaintop. □



Bonaire wins King of the Huts

Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao and Venezuela fight for titles



FISHERMAN'S HUTS – Today will be the last day of racing for the 2011 Aruba Hi-Winds Pro-Am 25th edition. For the last two weeks some of the best watermen and women have been sailing the perfect conditions that

Aruba has to offer. The PWA professionals have already left and off to the next event on the Professional World Tour and the amateurs will be sailing for the overall positions today. Currently leading the Men's



Division is Diony Guadagnino from Venezuela and Nicole van der Velde of Aruba leading in the Woman's division. Other top competitors coming into the last day of racing in first place are Nik v/d Eeren-

beemt of Aruba in the Big Kids, Patun Saragoza of Bonaire in the Grand Masters, Ethan Westera of Aruba in the Juniors, Etienne Soliano of Bonaire in the Masters, and Oscar Cisneros of Venezuela in Sports.

The regatta will culminate this evening with an awards ceremony at the Paseo Herencia Mall. Join us tonight for some fun.

Results:

King of the Huts

Choco Frans - Bonaire
Davis Paternina - Venezuela
Victor Waderfors - Curacao

Prince of Huts

Felix Martina - Curacao
Rafael de Windt - Curacao
Berend Pronk - Aruba

Kids of Huts

Steven Max - Aruba
Nik v/d Eerenbeemt - Aruba
Ethan Westera - Aruba. □



High Heels at Zissles sizzled



Paseo Herencia – On Saturday, town's most glamorous women put on their high-heels and their short skirts and headed to Pas-

eo Herencia, to Zissles, the House of Live Entertainment, for a crazy night of music, champagne and dancing.

King of the Groove DJ Yeimy entertained the crowd from early evening accompanied, live, by percussion legend Jeremy Bonarriba, then at midnight Aruba's most popular radio personality, Ruben "Scorpio" Garcia took over the DJ console-controls for one hour of evergreen disco Goldies.

Scorpio was the king of nightlife on the island in the 80s when he spun his special brand of dance tracks at Scorpio's Disco, a hot and happening night-club at Surfside, now the home of Nikki Beach.



The magic of the 80s was brought back for just one night when Scorpio put his headphones on, playing his favorite retro hits, rocking the Zissles dance-floor while the bar poured champagne like water. Those standing on the second floor wraparound VIP lounge sipping Moet and Chandon Rose and

munching on delicious hors d'oeuvres enjoyed the panoramic view of the dance-floor below, filled with uninhibited, funky guys and gals, on-fire, dancing like no-body's watching. Pictured here the High Heels party at Zissles, promoted by Tabitha Fecunda and friends. □



At the Casino at the Radisson

Just 3 more weeks until the Grand Car Give Away



PALM BEACH – As planned and advertised the Casino at the Radisson will be raffling the Suzuki Swift GLX Sport on July 23rd, at 10pm. Slot and table players are encourage to participate, and make sure their ticket is in the tombola when the winner is picked at the end of the 10-week promotion. Meanwhile, in the weekly Friday drawings a digital camera went to Ludmilla De Cuba, dinner for two at Laguna Restaurant to Veronica Vermeulen and dinner for two at Gil-

ligan's Beach Bar & Restaurant to Joan Marin. This week the casino awarded more than US\$ 7,000 in jackpots paid to players who challenged the casino's 200 generous slot machines.

The casino also featured various winners of its weekly promotions such as Casino Bonanza, on Tuesday, granting breakfast for two at Laguna Restaurant to Vladimir Sidler and dinner for two at Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill to Charles Stahmer, both guests of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, and dinner for two at Laguna Restaurant for David Kubelka, a guest of Playa Linda Beach Resort. The weekly fun Slot Tournament, awarded cash prizes to Judith Riderstaat, Mary Tolybier and Rodman who competed in the popular promotion. On Monday the Casino at the Radisson celebrates the 4th of July with FREE BINGO and red, white and blue ambiance saluting America on its 235th birthday. □



At T.H. Palm & Company

Father's Day raffle winner collects prize



PALM BEACH – In honor of Father's Day, T.H. Palm & Company and The Coconut Trading Co., two of the island's loveliest gift stores, announced a raffle, encouraging shoppers to sign up their dads for an additional chance to win a gift certificate. Pictured here the lucky father, who won the gift certificate, Ricky Malmberg, presented with his prize by Bianca Nicolaas! The excited Malmberg reports he enjoyed his father's day gift, and appreciated the added-value that came along with it. T.H. Palm & Company is located street side at Playa Linda Beach Resort and The Coconut Trading Co. enjoys two locations, one at the Marriott Ocean Club and the other at the Village Mall on Palm Beach. q

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Bautista top vote-getter for All-Star spots

Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista slides safely into third base during sixth inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Sunday, July 3, 2011, in Toronto. The Blue Jays defeated the Phillies 7-4.

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Watney flawless to win by two shots



Nick Watney holds the trophy after winning the AT&T National golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Sunday, July 3, 2011, in Newtown Square, Pa.
Associated Press

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pennsylv — Nick Watney capped off an amazing weekend at Aronimink to win the AT&T National on Sunday, moving him to No. 10 in the world and atop the PGA Tour money list for the first time in his career. Watney closed with a 4-under 66 on a steamy afternoon in the Philadelphia suburbs, making three big par saves and three birdies on the front nine to seize control, then holding off a late charge by K.J. Choi for a two-shot victory. And to think that with only 27 holes left in the tournament, Watney was trying to keep from getting left behind. Ten birdies, an eagle and no bogeys later, he was posing with the silver trophy of a Liberty Bell and wondering how much better he could get.

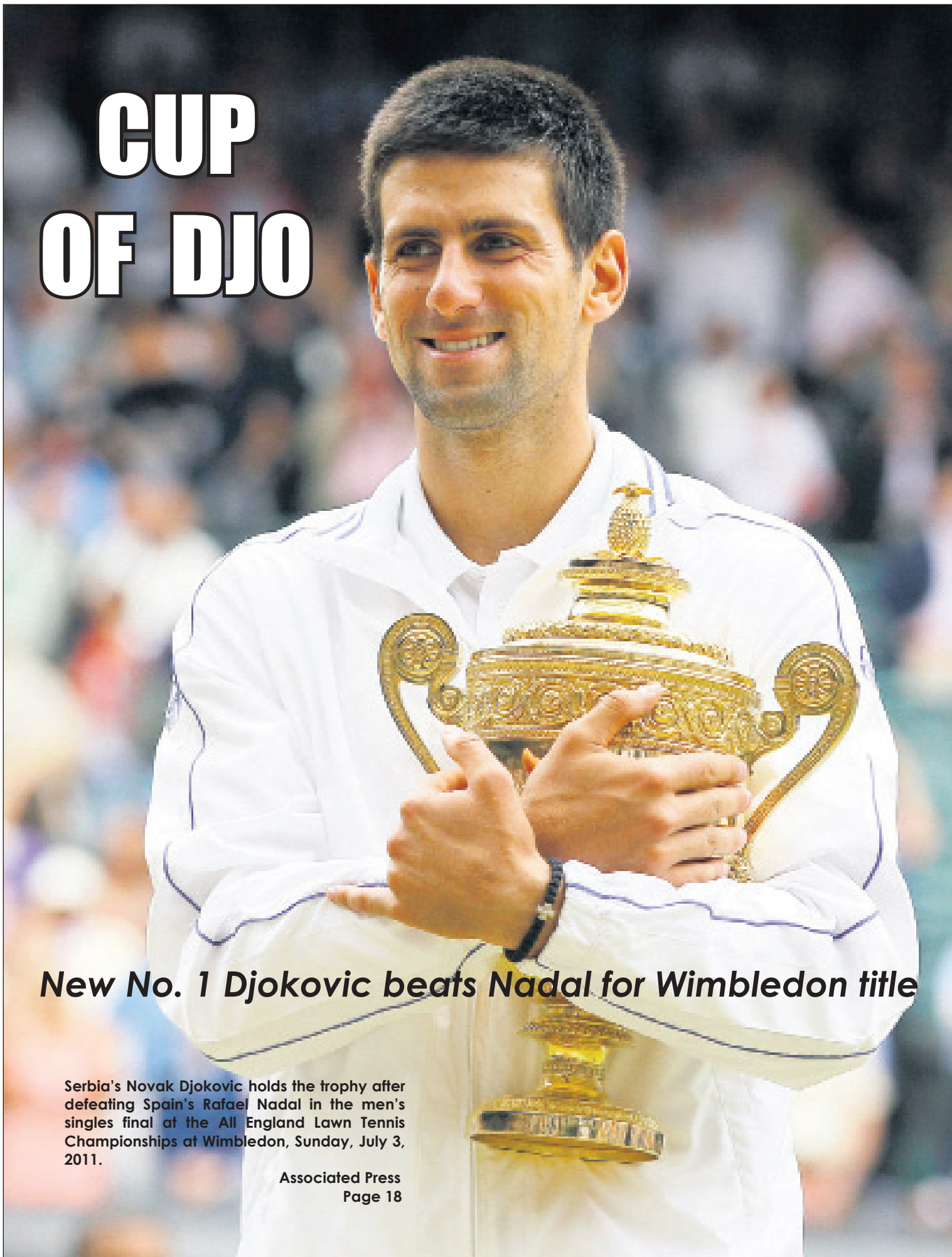
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New No. 1 Djokovic beats Nadal for Wimbledon title

Serbia's Novak Djokovic holds the trophy after defeating Spain's Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Sunday, July 3, 2011.

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Djokovic beats Nadal to win Wimbledon title

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Novak Djokovic won his first Wimbledon title Sunday, backing up his soon-to-be No. 1 ranking by beating defending champion Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.

Djokovic, who was already guaranteed to take over the top ranking from the Spaniard on Monday, extended his mastery over Nadal this season with a fifth straight head-to-head victory.

After shaking hands with Nadal at the net, Djokovic walked back out on court and crouched down. He pulled a blade or two of grass out of the manicured lawn and put it in his mouth. "I felt like an animal," said Djokovic, who won his first grass-court title. "I wanted to see how it tastes. It tastes good."

Djokovic assured himself of the No. 1 ranking just by reaching the final. He opened the season with 41 straight wins, including the Australian Open title, but his 43-match winning streak dating to December came to an end against Roger Federer in the French Open semifinals.

"I managed to achieve a lifetime goal and I managed to make my dream come true, all in three days' time," said Djokovic, who tossed three of his rackets into the crowd before accepting the championship trophy. "It's just an incredible feeling that I'm never going to forget. This is the best day of my tennis career."

The win over Nadal improved Djokovic's record in 2011 to 48-1, with five victories coming against



Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Spain's Rafael Nadal, right, hold their trophies after Novak Djokovic defeated Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Sunday, July 3, 2011.

the Spaniard in finals — two on hard courts, two on clay and now one on grass. Sunday's win was the first grass-court title of his career.

"He played better than me," said Nadal, the 2008 and '10 Wimbledon champion. "For that reason, he is the champion here."

Serbian President Boris Tadic was in the Royal Box along with several former champions to watch the match on Centre Court, and when Nadal sent a backhand long on match point, Djokovic turned to face them and dropped to the turf, laying on his back with his arms spread wide.

"I will definitely come for some more Wimbledons, more Grand Slam trophies. I mean, this is what I'm born for," Djokovic said. "I want to be a tennis champion.

I want to win more Grand Slams."

During the match, it was Djokovic's incredible movement and precise shot placement that gave him the first two sets. His play dipped in the third, but it returned in the fourth to secure him a third Grand Slam title.

"The feelings that I had at that moment, I really don't know how to describe. Best feeling I had ever on the tennis court," Djokovic. "Winning Wimbledon, looking at my box, 20 people, closest people to me in my life being there, supporting me, getting to share that moment and that experience with them was incredible."

Djokovic consistently landed shots while taking advantage of any slight mis-

cues from Nadal. The first and biggest of the first set came in the final game, when Djokovic hit a forehand winner down the line. Nadal followed that with a pair of unforced errors, and the second-seeded Serb won the set on the first break point of the match. Djokovic dominated the second set, breaking Nadal twice while holding serve easily. It wasn't until the second game of the third set that Nadal finally managed to do something with Djokovic's serve, breaking for a 2-0 lead when the Serb dumped a backhand into the net.

Nadal broke again and eventually won the set, and the two traded service breaks early in the fourth. But after Djokovic held to 4-3 in the final set with

four straight points, Nadal double-faulted for the first time. He lost the next two points and soon was broken again when he sent a backhand long.

"He's doing great. He's doing a few things fantastic," Nadal said. "But I had to play better to win, and I didn't today. I played little bit less aggressive."

Nadal had won 20 straight matches at the All England Club, including two of the previous three titles. He missed the 2009 tournament because of injury, but was playing in his fifth Wimbledon final in six years.

"For me it's a dream another time be back in this final," said Nadal, a 10-time Grand Slam champion. "Today wasn't possible. I tried my best as always, today one player play better than me. I will try another time next year."

The loss to Djokovic on Sunday was Nadal's first in a major final to a player other than Federer.

"When I won in 2008 for the first time, the emotions was very high so I can imagine how (Novak feels) today," said Nadal, who lost to Federer in the 2006 and '07 finals. "It's a special day and another time I congratulate him."

Nadal injured his left foot in a fourth-round win, but painkilling injections helped him roll through the next two rounds and into the final.

"Seriously, I lose because I am playing against the best player of the moment, the best player of the world tomorrow, and I am the second," Nadal said. "And when you play against these players and they are playing unbelievable, the normal thing is (to) lose." □

Phelps wins 100 butterfly at Canada Cup

MONTREAL (AP) — Michael Phelps won the 100-meter butterfly in 51.32 seconds on Sunday to complete a 100-200 double at the Canada Cup.

"I'm really happy with that and I know I need to do more training," said Phelps, who turned 26 on Thursday. "It's races like these that I

think help me more mentally than anything else. ... Being able to still see that I can pop a good race here and there gives me a little bit of a confidence."

The three-day meet was billed as a tuneup for the world championships starting July 16 at Shanghai and Phelps helped draw 1,800

spectators Sunday, when he stayed for an hour after his race to sign autographs and pose for photos with fans. Phelps could swim up to seven events at the world championships, including the 100 and 200 butterfly, the 200 freestyle, the 200 individual medley and three relays. □





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Blue Jays Bautista top vote-getter for All-Star spots

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The starting lineups for the All-Star game will include four New York Yankees and three Milwaukee Brewers.

Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Robinson Cano and Curtis Granderson of the Yankees were elected by fans in the American League. Ryan Braun, Prince Fielder and Rickie Weeks were chosen from Milwaukee to start for the NL team for the July 12 game in Phoenix. The results were released Sunday. "It means the Milwaukee Brewers have arrived on the national scene," Braun, the top NL vote-getter, said Sunday before the Central co-leaders visited Minnesota.

Fielder and Weeks were among several players who overcame voting deficits in the final week. Mets shortstop Jose Reyes, Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp and Detroit catcher Alex Avila also rallied late to earn starting spots.

Toronto outfielder Jose Bautista, the reigning home run champion, drew a record 7.4 million votes. He became the first Blue Jays player elected to start since Carlos Delgado in 2003.

"People are recognizing that you're doing well and for me it's been in three different territories — the United States and Canada and the Dominican," Bautista said, a day after he connected off Halladay for his big league-leading 26th home run. "I can't even describe how good that

feels."

The AL starting lineup: Adrian Gonzalez at first base, Robinson Cano at second, Jeter at shortstop, Alex Rodriguez at third base, with Bautista, Josh Hamilton and Curtis Granderson in the outfield, Avila behind the plate and David Ortiz at designated hitter.

The NL starters: Fielder at first, Weeks at second, Reyes at shortstop, Placido Polanco at third, with Braun, Kemp and Lance Berkman in the outfield and Brian McCann catching. San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy will choose the DH.

Injuries are sure to impact the final rosters — three-time NL MVP Albert Pujols was left off while recovering from a broken left wrist and Reyes is nursing a hamstring problem.

Once again, the league that wins will get home-field advantage in the World Series. Led by McCann, the NL won last year for the first time since 1996.

Phillies aces Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels and Halladay were part of the 13-man NL staff. Philadelphia has the best record in the majors. The World Series champion San Francisco Giants put four pitchers on the squad: Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, Brian Wilson and Ryan Vogelsong.

Vogelsong will certainly be among the feel-good stories in Arizona. At 33, he'd spent the previous four years in Japan and the minors before getting called up early this season.



Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista hits a solo home run against the Philadelphia Phillies during the fourth inning of an interleague baseball game in Toronto Saturday, July 2, 2011.

Associated Press

Jeter, a 12-time All-Star set to come off the disabled list Monday, will be among six New York Yankees heading to the desert. Also going are 14-time All-Star Rodriguez, Cano, Granderson, closer Mariano Rivera and backup catcher Russell Martin.

The 37-year-old Jeter always seems to be a lightning rod when it comes to awards and honors, ratcheting up the debate of popularity vs. production. He's in the midst of another down year and has been hurt — Cleveland shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera is having a breakout season and made the AL team as a backup, deserving Jhonny Peralta of Detroit was left off.

The Yankees own the best record in the AL, although two of their stars were among the notable omissions: CC Sabathia, tied for the major league high in wins, and first baseman Mark Teixeira, among the leaders in homers and RBIs. The rival Red Sox put four players on the team: Gonzalez, Ortiz, pitcher Josh Beckett and outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury.

"Seems like the Yankees always take care of all the All-Star voting every year, so it's just disappointing to not see more Red Sox on that team," Boston ace Jon Lester said.

Texas manager Ron Washington will guide the AL team. Rangers pitcher C.J. Wilson made the club over

Sabathia.

"There wasn't a whole lot of choices on left-handed relievers and C.J. has the experience of doing that," Washington said.

"He's deserving, as far as I'm concerned, to be on the All-Star team, so I chose him."

This year's squad includes 13 first-time All-Stars in the AL and 11 in the NL. Among them will be closer Joel Hanrahan, Pittsburgh's lone representative.

Hanrahan said he won't mind changing his All-Star break vacation plans.

"I think it will be a lot more fun than going to a furniture shop. They say it takes three months to get a couch — wanted to see one and get it on order," he said. □

Bautista hits 27th homer as Blue Jays beat Phils

MLB Roundup

TORONTO (AP) — Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 27th home run, one of three Toronto homers in a four-run eighth, as the Blue Jays ended Cliff Lee's scoreless innings streak at 34 with a 7-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Edwin Encarnacion had a two-run shot and rookie Eric Thames also connected for the Blue Jays in the eighth to chase Lee.

Octavio Dotel (2-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings for the win.

Lee (9-6) gave up a season-high seven runs — six earned — and 10 hits in 7 1-3 innings. He walked none and struck out nine.

The left-hander, who went 5-0 with an 0.21 ERA in five June starts, had not lost since May 31 at Washington and came in having pitched three consecutive shutouts. He extended his scoreless innings streak to 34 before giving up a run in the third.

Red Sox 2, Astros 1

At Houston, Boston scored the go-ahead run on a walk by Mark Melancon in the ninth inning to secure a

series sweep.

Josh Beckett (7-3) allowed five hits, a run and no walks

while striking out a season-high 11 in eight innings.

Drew Sutton pinch-hit for



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Cliff Lee, left, stands on the mound as Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista rounds the bases following a solo home run in the eighth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, July 3, 2011, in Toronto. The Blue Jays defeated the Phillies 7-4.

Associated Press

Beckett to open the ninth and drew a one-out walk. Jacoby Ellsbury followed with a single to right field before Dustin Pedroia grounded into a forceout to leave runners at the corners.

The Astros intentionally walked Adrian Gonzalez, the major league RBI leader, to load the bases before Melancon (5-2), the Astros closer, walked Kevin Youkilis to make it 2-1.

Reds 7, Indians 5

At Cincinnati, Edgar Renteria hit his first homer since his World Series MVP performance, helping the Reds break out of their offensive slump and beat Cleveland, their only win of the season against their intrastate rival. Chris Heisey also homered off Mitch Talbot (2-5), who has struggled since returning from a sore elbow. The Reds piled up six runs and 10 hits in his four innings.

Mike Leake (8-4) became the Reds' first eight-game winner, matching his career high with eight strikeouts in six innings.

Rays 8, Cardinals 3

At St. Petersburg, Johnny Damon drove in four runs for Tampa Bay, while Jeremy Hellickson (8-7) allowed

three runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings.

The Rays had been outscored 20-1 during the right-hander's skid.

Kyle Farnsworth pitched the final 1 2-3 innings for his 17th save.

Tigers 6, Giants 3

At Detroit, Magglio Ordonez hit a go-ahead, two-run single with two outs in the seventh inning as the Tigers avoided a three-game sweep.

The Tigers fired pitching coach Rick Knapp after the game and replaced him with bullpen coach Jeff Jones.

Rick Porcello (7-6) gave up three runs and five hits over seven innings in a much-needed performance for Detroit's suddenly shaky rotation. He was effectively wild, becoming the fifth pitcher since 1919 to have three wild pitches and hit three batters in a game.

All-Star Jose Valverde closed the game for his 20th save in as many chances.

Orioles 5, Braves 4

At Atlanta, Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Nick Markakis had a career-high five hits as Baltimore ended its five-game skid. □



K.J. Choi of South Korea tees off on the third hole during the final round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Sunday, July 3, 2011, in Newtown Square, Pa.

Associated Press

"It's a very addictive feeling to be out there and under the gun," said Watney, who had a 62-66 weekend at Aronimink. "To be able to hit good shots and putts is why I play, really."

Watney finished on 13-under 267, tying the tournament record by Tiger Woods in 2009 when it was played at Congressional.

The tournament is scheduled to return to Congressional next year.

Charles Howell III earned quite a consolation prize. He played bogey-free in the final round for a 6-under 66 to tie for third with Adam Scott (68) and Jeff Overton (67). That made him eligible for the British Open in two weeks as the

Watney

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top finisher from the top five who wasn't already exempt.

Rickie Fowler, who shared the lead with Watney going into the final round, had another learning experience. He fell out of the hunt early with a double bogey on the second hole and closed with a 74 to tie for 13th.

"I just couldn't get anything going today," Fowler said. Watney didn't give anyone much of a chance. He took the outright lead with a wedge into 10 feet for birdie on No. 2, and holed a 20-foot birdie putt on the par-5 fifth. Despite leaving himself in a tough spot in the bunker on the par-5 ninth, he blasted out to 2 feet for another birdie. Even so, his biggest putts were for par.

Watney saved par from

bunkers on No. 4 with a 20-foot putt, and from No. 7 with a putt from about 12 feet. His biggest par save might have been the par-3 eighth, which yielded only two birdies in the final round.

Overton had reached 9 under and was making a move, and Choi had birdied the previous to also reach 9 under. Watney's shot went over the green, and he putted up the slope to 18 feet. He made the par putt to keep his cushion.

"That was big not to drop a shot after hitting a good shot, and keep momentum heading to the back nine," Watney said.

The final challenge came from Choi, who trailed by four shots at one point. He slowly made up ground, then closed in on Watney after the turn with a bending, downhill birdie putt on the 11th and a pair of long birdie putts on the 12th and

14th holes, the last one tying for the lead.

Momentum was with Choi, only the South Korean knew better. The par-4 15th played at 503 yards into a slight breeze, following by the par-5 16th that was reachable in two.

"When I tied him on the 14th hole, I knew that there was still a lot of holes to go, and I knew the remaining holes were more favorable to Nick Watney," Choi said. "I knew the 15th hole would be a turning point."

That was a key hole, and I missed it. So I think that was the turning point of the match."

Choi pulled his shot into the left rough, then tried to hit 5-wood toward the green. The thick grass shut his club and sent the shot into a bunker, some 60 yards from the pin, and so close to the side that his legs were pressed against the edge of the bunker. □

Use care buying into a company's buyback fever

By CHRISTINA REXRODE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When companies buy their own shares, they usually tout it as a benefit to shareholders.

The logic behind that is simple. If companies are buying, they must believe the share price is going to rise. Their confidence influences investors to bid the shares higher.

Investors get higher returns and own more of the company because there are fewer shares circulating. And the company can later reissue shares at a higher price. Everyone ends up happy.

In fact, there's little evidence that buybacks increase share prices over the long term. Companies tend to buy when they believe their stock is undervalued. But while there might be an initial gain when a buyback is announced, the share price usually declines in the following years. That's because the underlying reasons that the stock was depressed haven't gone away.

Repurchases also don't lower share count for very long because companies keep reissuing stock to pay employees or make acquisitions.

"Media and analysts talk about buybacks like they're a great thing," says James Early, a senior analyst at Motley Fool. "But they're just as often a raw deal for shareholders."

Companies usually buy their stock like most investors, on the open market. Buybacks are on the rise this year after slowing during the financial crisis. Best Buy Co., Wal-Mart Stores Inc., IBM Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., were among the 447 companies that announced \$285 billion worth of buybacks this year through June 24, according to research firm Birinyi Associates.

That's more than seven times the \$38 billion in the comparable period in 2009, when stock prices were depressed, but still below the \$404 billion announced the same stretch in 2007.

Why the rush to repurchase? Many recession-weary companies are loath to make long-term commitments like hiring new employees or expanding operations or product lines. Companies are generating significant cash flow because they've cut costs.

But they aren't seeing enough of an increase in demand for their goods or



Shoppers exit a Walmart store on March 29, 2011 in Valley Stream, New York.

Associated Press

services to justify expansion. Buybacks are one easy way for companies to spend the cash they've hoarded, analysts say.

There's also no requirement that a company follow through and buy shares after announcing a buyback plan, says Rob Leiphart, an analyst at Birinyi, which has tracked buybacks since the 1980s. If a company backs out of a repurchase, it will often go unnoticed.

Early on, a buyback can cause a stock to rise. Trim-Tabs Investment Research

estimates that companies that announce buybacks outperform the market by 0.7 percent the next day, and by 1.2 percent in the first 100 days.

But Leiphart says companies in the S&P 500 that did not announce a repurchase in 2010 did better than those that did.

The stocks of companies that did not announce buybacks rose by three percentage points more, on average, than those that did.

One reason the gains don't

last: Companies tend to repurchase shares when they are confident, have extra cash and think their stock price is low.

But if a company has limited growth prospects, faces low future demand for its product or there are price pressures in the industry, its stock will likely fall.

In some cases, buyback announcements are used to distract investors from bad news released around the same time, says Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at the S&P. □

McDonald's to run Emirates trucks on own oil

By MICHAEL CASEY

Associated Press |

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — McDonald's is fueling its trucks in the United Arab Emirates with oil from its own vats.

Dubai-based Neutral Fuels announced Sunday that it had reached a deal to convert used vegetable oil from McDonald's outlets in the UAE into 100 percent biodiesel to power the fast food giant's delivery trucks across the Gulf country.

It started testing the biodiesel last year and started producing it for McDonald's at the end of May.

"This one in particular is exciting because I don't think anyone has really tried that hard to sell this sort of fuel back to the Arabian Pen-

insula," said Karl W. Feilder, the chairman of the Neutral Group. "It's the first time we are doing it with a fuel that burns 50 percent cleaner than normal diesel and has a lower carbon footprint because it's coming from a waste vegetable product." McDonald's said the biodiesel initiative was part of larger plans in the UAE, which is flush with crude oil but is also trying to stake its claim as a leader in renewable energy. Among other things, McDonald's is a partner in one of the country's main environmental watchdogs, the Emirates Environment Group.

"McDonald's UAE has demonstrated a passionate and long-term commitment to investing in environmental initiatives," said Rafic Fakhir,

managing director and partner of McDonald's UAE. Neutral has capacity to produce 1 million liters (264,172 gallons) of biodiesel a year in its Dubai facility and can double that amount if it increases the number of shifts. It would not say how much oil will be produced by McDonald's more than 80 outlets in the Emirates, but says it's enough to power the chain's vehicles in the country.

It is not the first time McDonald's has run its vehicles on biodiesel, having done so in England and most recently Austria.

But it would be the first time any company has tried to do it in the Middle East, a region where the incentives are lower to use alternatives fuel because oil is so

cheap and plentiful.

The McDonald's trucks are also being fueled with pure biodiesel — not a mix as seen in many parts of Europe and the United States. "One of reason to do that is prove to people that you don't have to modify your vehicle to run biodiesel," Feilder said.

"The technology is so good and McDonald's oil of such good quality that we can produce biodiesel for the same price that you can buy normal diesel on the street."

The fact the McDonald's announcement is happening in the United Arab Emirates is no accident.

The UAE has taken a lead in recent years among Gulf nations in attempting promote renewable energy

in the region and tackle global warming. Abu Dhabi is home to Masdar, a government-run company focused on low-emission technologies that is building a futuristic clean-energy city in the desert outskirts of Abu Dhabi.

It also is base for the International Renewable Energy Agency, a new organization established to promote renewable energy such as wind, solar and other non-polluting energy sources.

"Things have changed a lot in the last couple of years," Feilder said.

"There is more money spent in this country than any Gulf country on sustainable initiatives and the educational process required for bringing this knowledge to the masses." □

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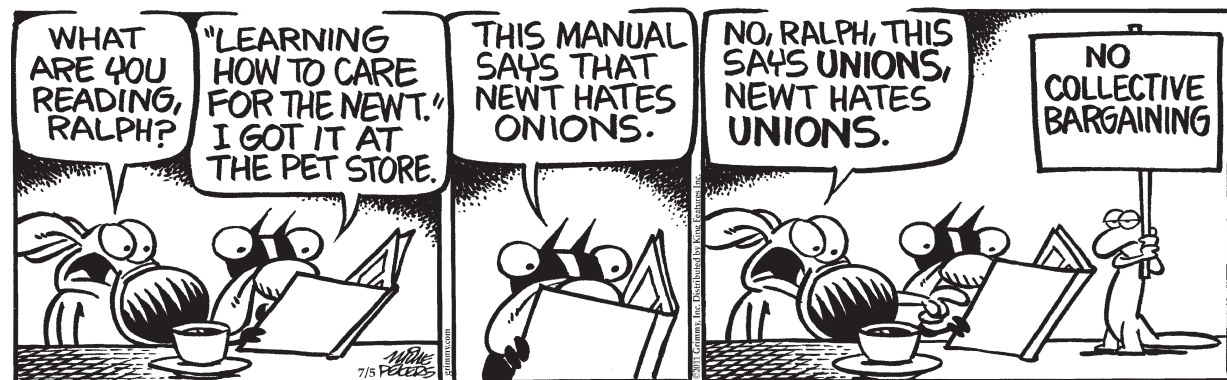
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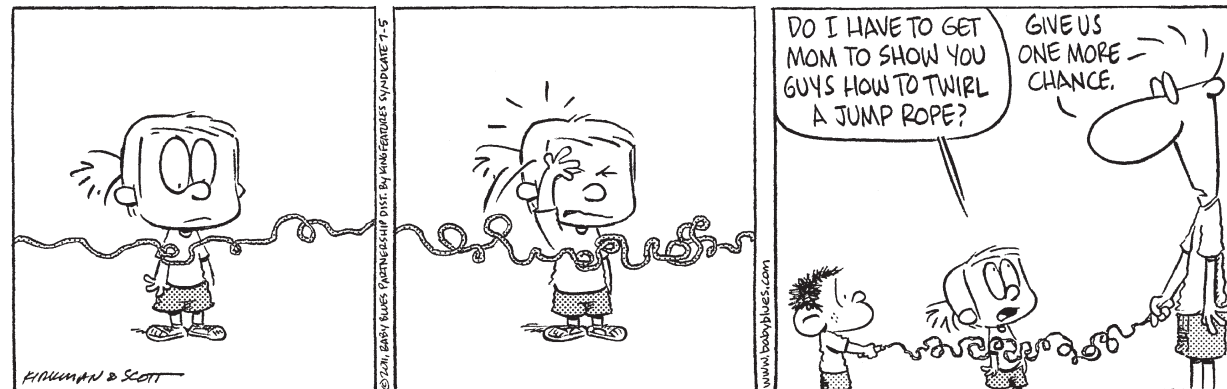
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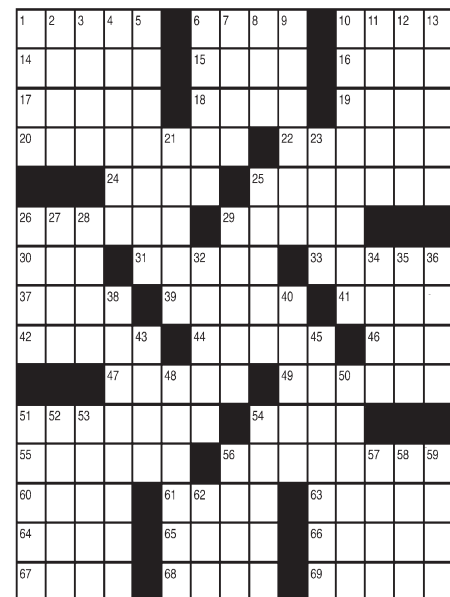
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ACROSS

- Political voting alliances
- Instep
- Volcanic output
- Landing place at a river
- Hawaiian feast
- Fills with wonderment
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- Travelers' stopovers
- Tree trunk covering
- Priests' hats
- Flourish
- Tavern orders
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- Wryly comical
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- Give in
- Regulation
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- Hunched over
- Impolite
- Livestock enclosure
- Wretched
- Genesis man
- Praise
- Cupid's projectile
- Tardy
- __ on to; kept
- Invoices
- Additionally
- Arduous
- Passionate
- Dog pesterers
- Greased
- Strong wind
- Delight
- 52 weeks
- Misshapen
- First performance

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- Mr. __ Strauss



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- Chain of auto parts stores
- Shine forth
- Basement
- Approached
- Overcook milk
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- Passenger
- Wild cat
- Boast
- Suffer defeat
- Beverage container
- __ in the hole; decisive argument held in reserve

Jan van Beveren, the star of Dutch soccer's golden era, dies



Jan van Beveren

JACK BELL

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Jan van Beveren, a goalkeeper who towered over Dutch soccer during the game's golden period in the Netherlands in the 1970s, died June 26 at his home in Beaumont, Texas. He was 63.

The cause has not been determined. Family members found him slumped over his computer, said Kelly Kroutter, the president of the Beaumont soccer club where van Beveren worked as director of training. He began his professional career with the Sparta Rotterdam club in 1965, then

left for PSV Eindhoven (a club owned by Royal Philips Electronics) in 1970, winning three league titles while playing 10 seasons and 291 games for the club.

"He's considered by far the best Dutch goalkeeper of the '70s - a wonderfully agile 'line keeper,' a shot stopper of the old school," David Winner, the author of "Brilliant Orange: The Neurotic Genius of Dutch Football," said in an email from Spain.

Van Beveren, who was 6 feet 2 inches, missed playing in the 1974 World Cup because of injury. The Netherlands advanced to the final, led by its outspoken surrogate coach and star Johan Cruyff, but lost to host Germany. Van Beveren retired from the national team in 1977 and moved to the United States in 1980, playing three seasons for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers of the North American Soccer League. After the demise of the league in 1984, van Beveren played for the Dallas Sidekicks of the Major Indoor Soccer League. □

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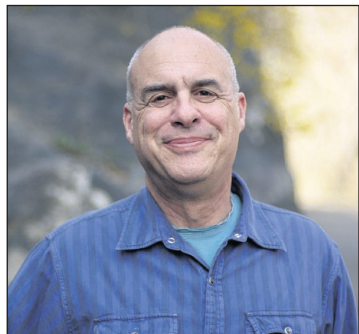
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Spotted owl finally gets its rescue plan

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Make food choices simple: cook at home!



MARK BITTMAN
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Is there enough food? How do we get it to people? What is its quality? These common questions all concern supply; people spend a lifetime address-

ing them, and if you closely examine any one, you're ensnared in a complex web.

Yet we don't spend enough time discussing what happens to food once it's in the home. Or what doesn't happen. Which is cooking. And that part is pretty simple.

Not long ago, cooking was a common topic. Weekly food sections of newspapers were filled with it. Churches self-published cookbooks by the pile. There were even real cooking shows and cookbooks.

Now, if it weren't for the vibrant but dwindling community of bloggers, we'd hardly see actual cooking discussed at

all. There are a but a fraction of the food pages there once were in newspapers, and most cookbooks are offshoots of TV "cooking" shows, almost all of which are game shows, reality television shows or shows about celebrities.

Like many professional urbanites with grown children, I often succumb to the temptation to work late and eat out with friends. That experience, effortless and pleasurable in anticipation, is usually expensive – even when it's at a theoretically inexpensive restaurant – and frustrating; more often than not it's unsatisfying. (Note that this means it's also some-

it because I won't do either; I might schlep home a piece of watermelon. The starter, if there is one, might range from bread with butter or oil to homemade hummus or other bean dip to home-roasted or fried nuts, or some salami or ham, hunks of which remain in the fridge for weeks.

That's pretty much it. The investment is minimal: A quick shopping trip takes me a half-hour, including the walk or drive. It takes me about half or three-quarters of an hour to cook, not including the time that it took to make that bean dip or bread, both of which last for days. The time spent eating is relaxing and uninterrupted by the insipid ritual: "Is everything tasting to your liking?" or "You guys OK?" It takes 10 minutes to clean up. Compared with a restaurant, the frustrations and annoyances are minimal, the food is as good or better-tasting, unquestionably healthier and

more environmentally friendly, and much less expensive. Saturday night, for example, I fed four people a dinner of nuts, a small frittata, fish, salad and watermelon for far less than two of us would have spent at Applebee's.

It's not that I'm unconcerned about the supply side. I can't help bugging myself with questions about whether the food I buy is "good" enough: Pesticides? Fertilizer? Endangered fish? Carbon footprint? Fair pay for farmworkers?

But these are shopping questions, not cooking and eating questions. Shopping is the time to be critical. (Eating is the time to enjoy.) Buy things that you feel answer to your standards, and you'll be a cut above most restaurant food in every category. In most restaurants, the questions are pointless because you relinquish all control. At McDonald's, the main goals seem to involve making the food safe

Predator collides with fabricator

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So what's the moral of this Manhattan immorality tale? That the French are always right, even when their hauteur is irritating?

They were right about Iraq and America's rush to war. And they may be right about Dominique Strauss-Kahn and America's rush to judgment.

In both cases, French credibility was undermined, so we resisted seeing things from their point of view.

France tried to block W.'s spun-up attack on Iraq, but we knew that the French government had a history of making special oil deals with Saddam Hussein and of favoring expediency over principle.

France refused to believe that DSK could force himself on a Sofitel maid, but we knew that French society had a history of shielding powerful and talented men accused of scandalous behavior with young women.

W. created a fake deadline and casus belli on Iraq, but New York prosecutors had a real deadline before Strauss-Kahn flew away to France, which does not have an extradition treaty with the U.S.

Seven weeks after DSK, then the chief of the International Monetary Fund, was struck by a coup de theatre – getting hauled off an Air France plane by the police, who charged him with raping a 32-year-old maid – he basked in a more pleasant coup de theatre, getting released on his own recognizance.

As he left the downtown courtroom, he gave his first public smile and put his arm around Anne Sinclair, his attractive wife, who has financed the high-powered legal team and high-priced TriBeCa detention. In an exquisitely embarrassing moment for Cyrus Vance Jr., the Manhattan district attorney, the prosecutors wilted upon learning that their victim had victimized them – repeatedly lying to the government. To get political asylum in America, the woman, an African immigrant, lied that her husband

had died by torture at the hands of police officers and soldiers in Guinea.

She told investigators, falsely, that she had been gang-raped there. To get a bigger break on her taxes, she claimed a friend's child as her own.

To impress the grand jury, she said that after the attack by DSK, she had waited in a hall for him to get an elevator before reporting it to her supervisor.

But as the red-faced apology filed by the DA's office on Thursday revealed: "The complainant has since admitted that this account was false

prosecute, and the perp can often get away with it.

The upright-looking Vance is not like the scoundrel prosecutor in the Duke lacrosse case. He did not ignore evidence that was contrary to the case prosecutors were trying to build. It just took several weeks, after they tried to deny DSK bail and after they indicted him, to do a thorough investigation.

In France, his Socialist colleagues – and rivals to run for president – defended him. Segolene Royal howled about how the American justice system had thrown the Socialists' star to the wolves.

Royal's former partner, Francois Hollande, said that, once cleared, DSK could still run in the party primary – although he would have to explain his lascivious manner toward the help and his lavish home-arrest lifestyle.

In New York, Kenneth Thompson, the accuser's lawyer, howled about how the justice system had thrown the maid to the wolves. He said the young Muslim woman was "traumatized" and would speak out on the case.

Her evidence, he said, includes stockings with holes ripped in them, a torn shoulder ligament, a hospital picture of a bruise on her vagina, and the DSK DNA in the room – all, she claims, from the violent attack.

"Until today, it was white versus black, rich versus poor, man versus woman, Jew versus Muslim," said Elaine Sciolino, a Times correspondent in France and the author of "La Seduction," assessing the French reaction and the fraying of the Gallic Anita Hill moment.

"Now it's going to be this man who would have been president taken down by this 'no-goodnik' who has a druggie boyfriend in prison and who lied from the moment she tried to get into the United States."

When a habitual predator faces off against a habitual liar, the liar will most likely lose, even if it is the rare case when she is telling the truth. □



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and that after the incident in Suite 2806, she proceeded to clean a nearby room and then returned to Suite 2806 and began to clean that suite before she reported the incident to her supervisor."

She was involved with a drug dealer jailed for possessing 400 pounds of pot; she talked to him about whether she could profit from pursuing charges against DSK, noting that he had a lot of money. Prosecutors say she may have links to people also involved in money laundering.

Law enforcement officials say privately that they still think DSK sexually assaulted the maid. But the case relied on her credibility, and that's gone.

They say it is roughly analogous – not in terms of the maid's sexual history but her record of veracity – to a case in which a prostitute is raped. It's hard to



times satisfying, which is why I keep doing it; it's a gamble.) When I cook, though, everything seems to go right. I shop an average of every two weeks in a supermarket, and make a couple of trips a week to smaller stores. I'm aware that my choices are mostly imperfect, but I rarely conclude that I should make a burger and fries for dinner or provide a pound per person of prison-raised pork served with fruit from 10,000 miles away, followed by a cake full of sugar and artificial ingredients. Yet, for the most part, that describes restaurant food.

This time of year, I'll buy local greens and local fish and wind up eating half or less of the food I would if I had eaten out. Dessert only happens if someone else buys or makes

and consistent, not producing it ethically. (They would surely argue with this, and, perhaps, they've made some progress. But really?) In pricier restaurants, the goal seems to be to impress you with presentation, originality and glamour.

I recognize that I'm privileged, though, in fact, I have friends who are better cooks than I am, who have access to better food and who have more leisure. I recognize, too, that there are many people for whom time and money and skills and even access are challenges. The thing, though, is not to discount this argument simply because not everyone is in a position to benefit from it, but rather to use it to benefit those it can, and to create the same possibilities for everyone. □

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